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"Big John" retires

ASHORE FOR LAST TIME — Sailors aboard the aircraft carrier USS John F. Kennedy (CV 67) file off the brow after receiving the order to disembark during the ship's decommissioning ceremony in Mayport, Fla., on March 23. Orders were given by Executive Officer, Capt. Ronald B. Robinson.

MC2 Adam Herrada/U.S. Navy photo



Robot strong in competition

NUWC engineers partner with Newport County high school students for robotics competition in Boston.

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Easter Faire here Saturday

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation's Easter Faire returns this weekend, with a special visit by the Easter Bunny.

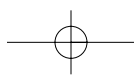
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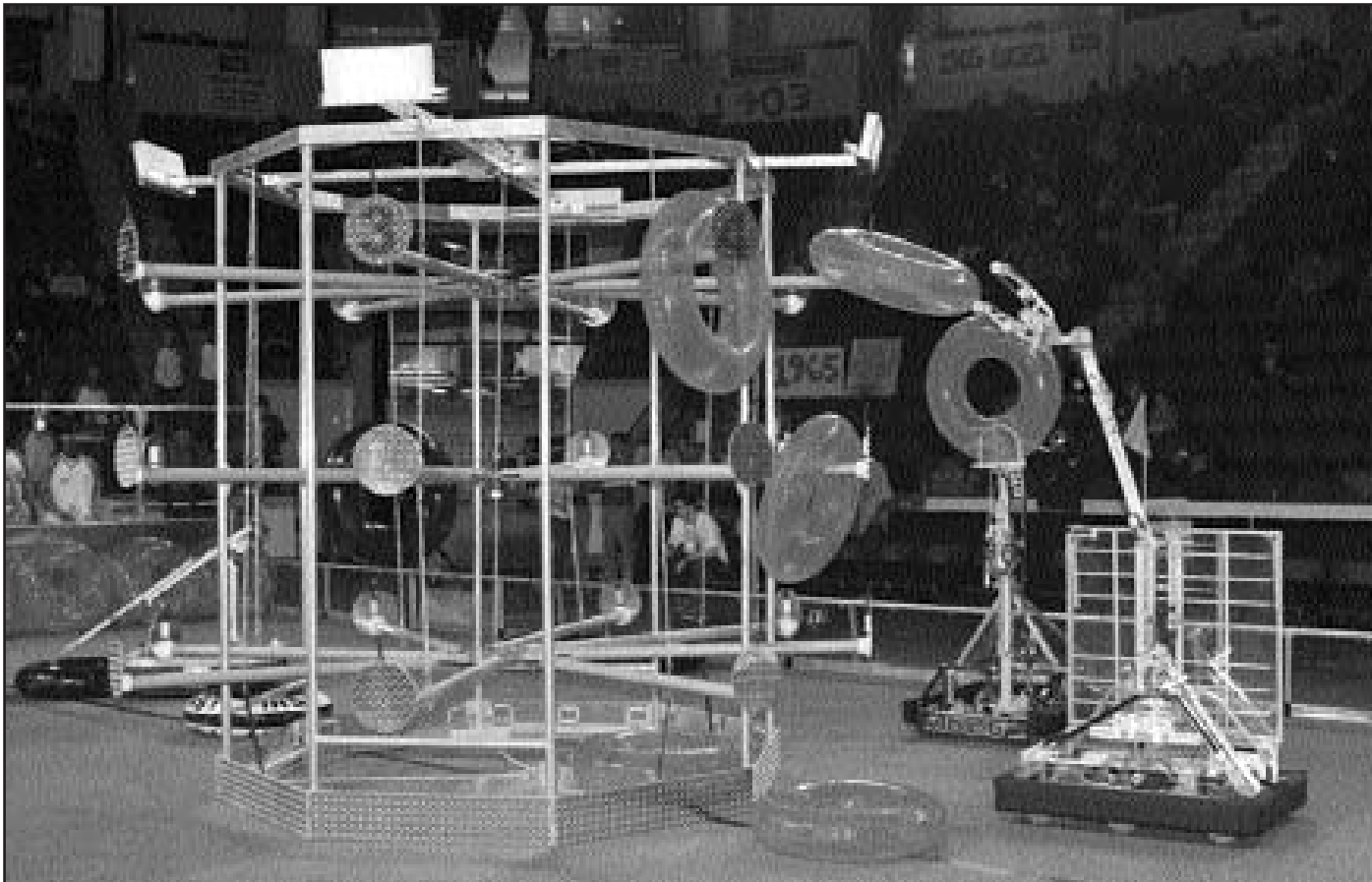


Music pupils jam with Navy

Navy Band Northeast invites first year music pupils to NAVSTA for instruction and big band experience.

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Joe Manassa photo

The Robotics and Technology Team of Newport County's robot, Rhode Warrior 121, competes in the final rounds of the FIRST Robotics competition at Boston University last weekend. It was built by a team of high school students and Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division, Newport, engineers.

NUWC-tuned robot shows its skills

BOSTON — The Robotics and Technology Team of Newport County made it into the final rounds of the FIRST Robotics competition at Boston University last weekend.

The team, partnered with engineers from the Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division, Newport, constructed Rhode Warrior 121 in a vacant warehouse at Naval Station Newport in January and February.

The NUWC robot, teamed with the entry from Tolman High School in Pawtucket, got into the final rounds after placing seventh out of 50 teams entered.

"We almost did it again," said Mike Fenton, a NUWC engineer. "Now, we are scurrying to get some transportation and hotels for the FIRST National championship in Atlanta, April 12 to 14."

This is the 13th straight year NUWC has partnered with high school technology students. The teens are from Middletown, Portsmouth, Tiverton, Bristol-Warren and Mt. Hope High Schools. University of Rhode Island robotics club alumni return to mentor the high school team every year.

This year's game is called Rack and Roll, where robots try to hang inflated pool tubes on a rack of 24 spider legs.

R.I. Legion offers aid to scholars

CRANSTON — American Legion of Rhode Island and the American Legion Auxiliary, which each year sponsor the Little Rhody Boys and Girls State program at Naval Station Newport, have announced applications are available for \$20,000 in college scholarships.

Rhode Island Girls and Boys State will convene at NAVSTA April 16-20.

Boys State and Girls State helped young men and women from across the state learn the basic principles of American democratic government and public service.

Delegates prepare bills and debate them using parliamentary procedure, participate in the judicial system through mock trials, learn democracy through living in a mythical state. They campaign, run for office and hold elections.

This year the objectives are to teach youth across the state about freedoms of patriotism, diversity and religion, and the personal value of volunteering.

The nonpartisan program teaches young men and women responsible citizenship and love for God and country. Since the inception of the Boys State program in 1935 and Girls State in 1937, nearly a million young people have had the opportunity to learn firsthand how their state and local government works.

High school students who participate have the opportunity to apply for the Samsung

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Easter baskets to go

Operation Homefront's chapters and *eCarePackage.org* web site are offering classic Easter baskets for quick shipment to a deployed service member or to young children left behind in military communities.

To register for or send a basket to a deployed service member, visit www.ecarepackage.org

To register for or send a basket to a military child, sign up with a local Operation Homefront chapter. Your nearest chapter may be found at <http://operationhomefront.net/>

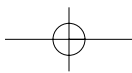
chapters.asp and military families may register online.

If you are a military family, not located near an Operation Homefront chapter, or your chapter is not participating, you may sign up your family at *eCarePackage.org*.

What is today Operation Homefront began in 2001 as a military spouse-generated idea. In response to the shortcoming of support for the families of deployed service members, *CinCHouse.com* members (military wives and women in uniform) created the support group.



Easter baskets can be shipped overseas to a deployed service member, or to their young children in military housing.



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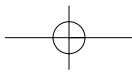
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JOB WELL DONE — Kevin Canavan, left, CEO of Community Health Charities serving Rhode Island and Massachusetts, talks with key personnel involved in the 2006 Combined Federal Campaign at the Rhode Island Area awards luncheon at the Officers' Club on March 20. Navy Newport surpassed its goal of \$400,000.

CFC awards lunch celebrates success

By **BOB KREKORIAN**
NAVSTA Public Affairs Staff

Naval Station (NAVSTA) Newport and its tenant commands were among other federal agencies in Rhode Island recognized for their outstanding performance during the 2006 Combined Federal Campaign at the Rhode Island Area

Awards luncheon at the Officers' Club on March 20.

Pledges and contributions from NAVSTA Newport commands totaled \$407,421, according to Ms. Elizabeth Comeau, CFC Director, R.I. Area Combined Federal Campaign. A \$400,000 goal was set for the 2006 fund drive. Over-

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Lt. Cmdr. Timothy May, chairman of the NAVSTA CFC Steering Committee, speaks at the awards luncheon.

Senior enlisted 'breaks the ice' at Toastmasters

MIDDLETOWN — A master chief construction utilitiesman presented his first speech to the Island Foghorns Toastmasters Club this month, as military and civilians learned more about each other lives and careers.

CUCM Michael Dyer, currently a student at the Senior Enlisted Academy and a new Island Foghorns member gave his speech, called an "ice-breaker"

Dyer provided some fascinating background information on his Navy career with its vast travels, his interest in marathon running and his book, *Hey, Stinky Feet — The Complete Guide to Running Your First Marathon*.

Island Foghorns, a chapter of Toastmasters International (TI), is a nonprofit educational organization that teaches communication and leadership skills. Since its founding in 1924, the organization has helped more than 4 million men and women give presentations with poise and confidence.

TI currently has over 10,500 clubs in 90 countries. When military members transfer, their Toastmasters membership can be transferred to their

new location. For additional information about Toastmasters International visit www.toastmasters.org.

Navy Capt. Michael Maddox, a student at the Naval War College and a designated "Competent Toastmaster," opened the meeting March 1 by introducing the theme for the evening, "Communications." He stressed the importance that communications play in every aspect of our lives, both personally and professionally.

Island Foghorn President Paul Levesque presented Dyer with an Immediate Recognition Award for completing his icebreaker speech, the first of 10.

The second speaker was Andrew Monaghan III, presenting his fourth speech towards a Competent Toastmaster Award. He shared his humorous canine experiences on how to get bitten by a dog. He succeeded admirably, both in getting bitten, and sharing.

Island Foghorns Meetings are the first and third Thursday of the month from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Middletown Public Library. Guests are always welcome to drop in and visit. For information, visit island-foghorns.freestashost.org.

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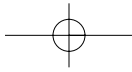
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Master chief's son attends conference for Young Leaders

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The son of Command Master Chief Tom Whitney,

Resident Course Director at the Senior Enlisted Academy, Newport, R.I., and Mrs. Karen Whitney, was among hundreds of outstanding Grade 8 and 9 students from across the nation who participated in a unique leadership development program in 22 cities this month.

Christopher Whitney, a freshman at Lisbon High School in Lisbon, Maine, along with his parents, attended the "Courageous Leadership: the National Young Leaders State Conference (NYLSC) March 15-18 in Boston. The conference helps young scholars take an introspective and highly personalized assessment of their leadership skills and abilities.

Christopher was nominated by two of his former teachers, Kathy Wheat and Jackie Young, Grade 8 teachers at Philip W. Sugg Middle School in Lisbon.

Throughout the four-day program, Christopher, along

with other students from across the region, built a working "tool kit" of strategies to help them successfully dream, create, and implement plans that will change how they view their role as leaders in their communities.

"The steps each person takes in discovering his or her own leadership strengths can be a very personal process," said Mike Lasday, executive director of the Congressional Youth Leadership Council (CYLC), the organization that sponsors NYLSC.

The NYLSC curriculum focuses on an introspective and highly personalized assessment of each student's leadership skills and abilities.

In addition to receiving the leadership award, Christopher is a Junior Volunteer for the Lisbon Schools and is involved in baseball, football, basketball and is an honors student in the Class of 2010.

The Congressional Youth Leadership Council (CYLC) is a non-profit, nonpartisan educational organization.



C. Whitney

NAACP notes anniversary of Dr. King assassination

The Newport County Branch of the NAACP will hold a memorial service to mark the 39th anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King (1928-1968) on April 4, at 7 p.m. at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center on Dr. Marcus Wheatland Blvd. in Newport. King was assassinated in Memphis in 1968.

The guest speaker will be Mrs. Victoria Johnson, former principal of Rogers High School. The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Smothers will deliver the invocation and benediction.

The program will include a display, readings and a musical selection.

In 1963, Dr. King led the famous civil rights march in Washington, where he delivered the legendary, "I Have A Dream" speech. He won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964 for his contributions toward the ultimate passing of the Civil Rights Bill in 1964.

On Nov. 2, 1983, Dr. King's birthday was designated a national holiday and officially inaugurated in January 1986.

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Wives of wounded soldiers offered new support group

SANTA ANA, Calif. – Operation Homefront and its online community, *CinCHouse.com*, announced the launching of Wounded Warrior Wives, a project to provide comprehensive support to caregivers of wounded servicemembers.

Operation Homefront's mission is to provide emergency services and morale to troops, the families they leave behind during deployments, and wounded Marines, soldiers and sailors when they return home. Its popular online magazine and community, *CinCHouse.com*, attracts hundreds of thousands of military wives each month looking for information and advice. Wounded Warrior Wives combines the best of both to wounded warriors and their families from the crisis phase to their return to "normal" life.

"As we reach peak levels of wounded warriors returning from Iraq and Afghanistan, Operation Homefront and the military wives on *CinCHouse.com* are increasingly concerned about the family support system that will help these warriors return to normal – in particular, the spouses who make key health and logical decisions while also providing emotional support," said Meredith Leyva, founder of Operation Homefront.

"Once military health care providers have done their magic, family support is key to warriors' physical and mental recuperation, yet the wives who lead the family effort have almost no resources or emotional support themselves," Leyva said. "Wounded Warrior Wives is designed to unite and serve a new generation of veterans' families."

The families of wounded troops face a dramatic and lengthy healing process, each phase with a myriad of new challenges:

- Once informed of their husband's status, military families often need immediate, but inexpensive travel to greet the service member at the hospital.
- Once at the hospital, families often stay for weeks while the service member undergoes surgeries and other health

measures. Accommodations can quickly drain families of any savings they may have unless someone can assist them in finding a discounted

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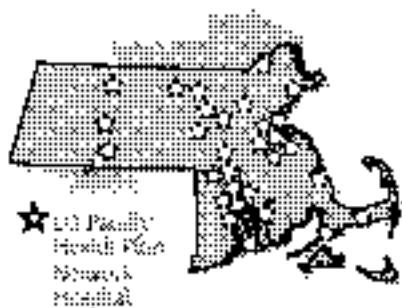


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What's going on

Easter Faire on Saturday

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department's annual Easter Faire will be held tomorrow, March 31, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Harbor Island Conference Center.

Children, ages 2 to 8, can enjoy crafts, games, face painting, balloon animals, entertainment and a visit from the Easter Bunny. Light refreshments will be offered. The fair is for families of active duty personnel, reserve, retired and DoD civilians.

Call 841-2643 for information or to volunteer.

TODAY, March 30

• New England Saltwater Fishing Show continues through April 1,



Guitarist Ellis Paul will perform at the Common Fence Concert, Portsmouth, on Saturday at 8 p.m.

Rhode Island Convention Center, Providence. Call 401-826-2121 or

visit www.riconvention.com for information.

• Wrestling Night, Westerly Armory on Railroad Avenue, 6:30 p.m. Eastern Pro Wrestling stars with steel cage match, tag team wrestling, and heavyweight match. Tickets \$14 to \$20. Call (401) 596-8554.

SATURDAY, March 31

• Common Fence Concert, Portsmouth, 8 p.m. (doors open 7 p.m. doors) with Ellis Paul. Call 683-5085 or visit www.commonfencemusic.org/index.html for information.

• Newport Irish Heritage Month continues through tomorrow, March 31. Celebrate all that is Irish with Celtic storytelling, Irish step-dancing, lectures, afternoon teas, and tastings. Call 845-9123 for information.

• Moll, Firehouse Theatre produc-

tion, 4 Equality Park Place, 8 p.m. Continues Sunday, 2 p.m. Call 849-3473.

SUNDAY, April 1

• Newport Commissary annual Easter Egg Hunt, 9 to 9:30 a.m.

• Cabaret, Megley Theatre (Mercy Hall) Salve Regina University, 3 p.m. Call 341-2250.

• Relatively Speaking, Newport Playhouse and Cabaret Theater production, Connell Highway. Admission includes buffet, 6 p.m. Show runs through April 29. Call 848-7529.

• Palm Sunday

• Chapel of Hope worship services:

— Protestant service, 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

— Catholic mass, 9 a.m.

• Victorian servant tours, Beechwood Theatre Company, Beechwood Manor, Bellevue Avenue. Find out what it was like to work for the queen of society in 1891. Call 846-3772 or go to www.astorsbeechwood.com for information.

MONDAY, APRIL 2

• Navy College office relocates from Building 656 to Building 690, Naval Station Newport Command, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information call 841-3030.

THURSDAY, April 5

• The Island Foghorns Toastmasters International Club meeting, 5 to 6 p.m. Middletown Public Library. Call 841-4196 or email VPPR06@gmail.com for information.

Upcoming:

April 6 — Jewish Shabbat Service, 5:30 p.m., Naval Chaplains School, Korn Worship Room. Call Chaplain (Cmdr.) Mitch Schranz, Chapel of Hope, 841-2234. Services are every other Friday, with the next service scheduled for April 20.

April 7 – 10th annual Rosecliff Easter egg hunt, 10 a.m. Children are encouraged to bring their own Easter basket. The hunt is followed

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Special events

Easter Faire offers egg-citement

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Department's annual Easter Faire will be held at the Harbor Island Conference Center, Building 684, on Saturday, March 31, from 10 a.m. to noon. Children, ages 2 to 8, may enjoy crafts, games, face painting, balloons animals and entertainment, in addition to a visit from the Easter Bunny. Light refreshments will be offered.



The Easter Bunny will visit the MWR Easter Faire at the Harbor Island Conference Center on Saturday.

Active duty personnel, reserve, retired and DoD civilian families are invited to attend. Cost is \$5 per person or \$15 per family. Adult volunteers are requested. Call 841-2643 for more information.

British Redcoats focus of lecture

NORTH KINGSTOWN — Don N. Hagist will lecturer on, "British Soldiers in Rhode Island during the American Revolution," in a Rhode Island history program co-sponsored by the Cocumscussoc Association and the North Kingstown Free Library on Saturday, April 28, at 2 p.m. at the library. The program is free and open to the public. To register, call the library's Circulation Desk at 294-3306, ext. 3.

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by a buffet brunch inside the mansion. Call 847-1000, ext. 140.

April 8 – Easter Sunday, worship services at Chapel of Hope

April 9 – Spring motorcycle training, Basic Rider Course. Call 841 2806 or go to mpowers@dandp.com for information.

April 10 – Great Decisions Lecture Series, Salve Regina University, 7 p.m. Ambassador Paul Taylor, strategic researcher at Naval War College, will speak on Illegal Mexican Immigration. This lecture series continues Tuesday evenings through April 24.

April 10 – Part II, spring motorcycle training, Basic Rider Course. Call 841-2806 or go to mpowers@dandp.com for information.

April 11 – Spring motorcycle training, Experienced Rider Course. Call 841-2806 or go to mpowers@dandp.com for information.

April 12 — Newport Gallery Night, various venues. Free admission to all galleries; free parking at Newport Visitors Information Center, 23 America's Cup Avenue, or Newport Art Museum, 76 Bellevue Ave. Art exhibits at galleries include hand-blown glass, wood block prints, award-winning photography, international handcrafts, and fine arts. Many of the galleries host opening receptions, and introduce artists and new exhibits on Gallery Night. Call 401-848-8200 or visit www.newport-galleries.org for more information.

April 13 – Pawtucket Red Sox Opening Night, 7 p.m., McCoy Stadium, One Ben Mondor Way, Pawtucket. Call 724-7300 or visit www.pawsox.com for information.

April 14 – "Make a Bird House," Norman Bird Sanctuary, 2 to 3:30

p.m., Middletown. Pre-register by April 7. Call 846-4577, ext. 10.

April 14 – Common Fence Concert, Portsmouth, with The Tarbox Ramblers, 8 p.m. (doors open at 7 p.m.). Call 683-5085 or visit www.commonfencemusic.org for information.

April 14 – Seal and birding tours, through April 22, aboard M/V Alletta Morris departing from Bowen's Wharf. Join an expert guide from Save the Bay for a lecture and boat tour aboard the. Reservations are recommended. Call (401) 324-6020 or email sealtours@savebay.org, or visit the Save The Bay website for a full schedule and more information.

April 14 to 15 – Daffodil Days 2007, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Blithewold Museum, Gardens and Arboretum, 101 Ferry Road, Bristol. This is your chance to view more than 50,000 daffodils on this 33-acre garden estate. Call 401-253-2707 or visit www.blithewold.org for information.

April 15 — Providence Roller Derby, Rhode Island Convention Center. Open to the public.

April 15 —Providence Roller Derby, 6 p.m. Rhode Island Convention Center. New England Roller Derby (NERD) vs. Texas Hell Marys. Roller derby competition at its best. Visit www.providencerollerderby.com for information.

April 16 – Internal Revenue Service federal income tax due date, midnight. Sunday, April 15, normal due date, is a Sunday.

April 17 – Great Decisions lecture series, Salve Regina University, retired Capt. Guy Abate will speak on International War Crimes prosecution, 7 p.m.

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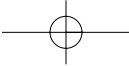
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Announcements

Commissary hides eggs

The Newport Commissary will be hiding chocolate eggs tomorrow for its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 1, from 9 to 9:30 a.m. Bring the kids and let them hunt for goodies.

Navy College relocates

The Navy College office will relocate from Building 656, Liberty Center to Building 690, Naval Station Newport Command building effective Monday, April 2. The office will still provide the same service, just at a new location. Normal hours are from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information call 841-3030.

MWR used boats out to bid

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Department is accepting bids for five excess boats: three O'Day Rhodes 19s and one Boston Whaler, including a used outboard motor.

All eligible MWR patrons (active duty personnel, family members, reservists, retirees and DoD civilians) are invited to submit bids. Bids must be a minimum of \$750 for Rhodes and \$250 for the Boston Whaler in order to be considered.

Bids for excess boats must be sealed and submitted or mailed to: MWR Department, ATTN: Sealed Bid, Naval Station Newport, 1121 Meyerkord Ave., Newport, R.I. 02841. They must be received or postmarked no later than April 30.

Contact the Marina manager, Walter Szyal,

to view any of the boats. He will be at the Boat Shop in W34 until April 25 and at the Marina after that date. Call 841-3283.

Motorcycle safety course

The Motorcycle Safety Foundation's Basic Rider Course (BRC) and the Experienced Rider Course (ERC) are offered several times throughout the riding season. The motorcycle safety training course is outside Gate 4 on Coddington Highway.

The basic course consists of morning sessions, followed by hands-on training at the course. The experienced rider course is just one day.

Classes scheduled this spring are:

BRC: April 9 and 10; May 2 and 3; June 4 and 5; July 11 and 12.

ERC: April 11; May 4; June 6; and July 13.

Registration for classes are held in Building 1CC, the NAVOSH Safety Office.

For information, call Mark Powers at 841-2806.

Tall Ships visit needs help

Tall Ships Rhode Island will hold an international celebration of sail training vessels in Newport from June 27 to July 1. The Tall Ships fleet is expected to draw 250,000 people to Newport. For more information or to volunteer, visit www.tallshipsrhodeisland.org call 841-0080.

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PORTSMOUTH—The Newport Sail and Power Squadron will offer its annual Boat Smart Course at Pennfield School in Portsmouth for six sessions over six weeks beginning Monday, April 2, from 7 to 8:45 p.m. Registration will be Monday at 6:45 p.m. at 110 Sandy Point Ave.

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Fleet and Family Support Center

TAMP seminar helps transition

EDITOR'S NOTE: Some of the Fleet and Family Support Center workshops and meetings require registration. Call 841-2283 for information.

Our seminar on the Transition Assistance Management Program (TAMP) is designed to assist service members leaving the military to prepare for transition to civilian life. It is scheduled for Monday through Thursday, April 2 to 5, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Harbor Island Conference Center.

Information on veterans' benefits, health care options, job-search techniques, disability claims, and much more will be offered. Spouses are encouraged to attend.

Tips for buying a new car – So you want to buy a new car. An image of your dream car hovers in your mind—it is shiny, colorful, and purrs like a kitten. But, standing between you and your dream car is the car dealer.

How do you get the best car for a fair price? Come to the Fleet and Family Support Center on Tuesday, April 3, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., to find out how to gather your resources and be well informed.

Interview techniques —Scheduled for April

12, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Fleet and Family Support Center, this workshop will provide information on getting ready for an interview, the interview itself, different types of interviews, and more.

Career Options and Navy Skills Evaluation Program (CONSEP) for First Timers —A four-day course is being held at the Fleet and Family Support Center from April 16 through 19, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for service members with less than six years of service. CONSEP provides service members with the information needed to make an informed decision about their Navy career. Training topics include self-assessment, personal financial planning, Navy career options, and civilian career planning.

Youth Money Fair — As part of the National Youth Savings Challenge, the Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) and the Navy Federal Credit Union are presenting a Youth Money Fair at the FFSC, on Friday, April 20. The fair is geared toward children ages 3 to 18 and will run from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. There will be games, prizes, pizza, and soda. Registration is not required.

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HELPFUL VIDEOS – Fleet and Family Support Center videos are offered twice a day at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m., seven days a week over Newport Naval Cable Television channel 13. The specialized videos are designed to help military members and their families with the frequent challenges and problems of daily life.



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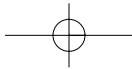


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DANCE FEVER—Hayley Marks, left, from Cranston-Calvert School, dances with Musician 3rd Class Elizabeth Fisher while Rhode Island Sound performs in the background.

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Musician 3rd Class Auora Ratliff plays a trumpet piece, while Mariah Reels listens intensely in one of the practice rooms, second deck of Building 348.



Musician 3rd Class Carlos Serrano, right, offers some tips for saxophone pupils, Jalen Darbey, left, and Alexander Rodrigues, both of Underwood School, during the NBNE and student combined concert rehearsal.

Grade 5 music students jam with Navy bandsmen

By MC1 DENISE DAVIS
Deputy Public Affairs Officer
Readiness Command Mid-Atlantic

The sweet sound of “big band” and rock music and children’s laughter resonated throughout the Navy Band Northeast building last week. The talented NBNE Sailors played host to 27 fifth grade music pupils from Newport’s Cranston-Calvert and Underwood Elementary Schools.

The 19-year partnership between the public schools and the Navy offers novice music students a chance to see professionals play the same instruments the kids play during their school day. The day also included the students receiving one-on-one instruction from the NBNE Sailors.

Loren Palmer, the director of music at Cranston-Calvert, said this program offers an excellent opportunity for students at this lower level to see that they can definitely make a career out of music, or at least continue to enjoy the satisfaction of playing an instrument on the side into their adult years.

The children were all smiles during a concert by the Navy musicians. During some of the

songs, the youngsters snapped their fingers or clapped their hands

The excitement intensified as the Rhode Island Sound performed a few classic rock numbers, including *Play That Funky Music* by Wild Cherry and *I Feel Good* by the late James Brown. A few children began jumping around and

break-dancing during the performance. Pupil Jamon Brandt coaxed a few of his buddies to do the “worm” across the floor to the delight of schoolmates.

After the Sailors showed off their talents, the children broke off into practice sessions according to what instrument

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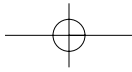


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DRUM LINE — From left, Danny Gunning, Julian Bessinger, Liam Leys, Jamon Brandt, Connor Rubin, Jimmy Gieseke and Sean McCutcheon form a drum line for practice under the watchful eyes of Musician 3rd Class Ryan Bennett, rear left, and Musician 1st Class Ricky Micou. Instructor, out of picture, is Musician 1st Class Jason Robertson.

Music

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they played. This provided a unique learning experience for the students.

"It's really fun. It doesn't sound that great by myself, but with the Navy people it sounds really cool," said clarinetist Mattea Barnes, 10.

Musician 3rd Class Audra Ratliff, a NBNE Sailor and a talented 20-year trumpet player, enjoys the chance to show off her teaching abilities.

"It's fun when they're this age because they're so eager to learn. They soak everything up like a sponge," said Ratliff.

The children disappeared behind closed doors to be tutored in trumpet, trombone, clarinet, flute and saxophone, among others. The drummers stayed in the main rehearsal hall with Musicians 1st Class Jason Robertson and Ricky Micou, and 3rd Class Ryan Bennett, all percussionists.

NBNE Director Lt. Carl Gerhard, also a trumpet player, is excited to be a part of this program. Gerhard has only been the director of the band since last fall, so this is his first time interacting with the students involved in this program.

"This is a lot of fun. We want to keep this tradition going,"



Cranston-Calvert trombone students Ronald Mattson, left, and Eric Moseley get tips on tempo from Musician 3rd Class Chris Birkby.

he said.

The music day concluded with the Sailors and children performing a few pieces of music together. Sitting with the students and playing music together proved to be a great time for one student.

Joseph Mattson, a young trombone player at Cranston-Calvert, was impressed enough to reveal his future plans.

"I may join the Navy when I get older so I can play in the band!" he said.

During the final practice, Assistant Band Director, Musician Master Chief Ross Klameth, helped the drum line keep the beat, pointed out the melody and harmony to the children, and then handed the baton over to Palmer, who led his kids and the Sailors in a beautiful piece that the kids have been practicing all year.

Even though the music was over, the day ended at Ney Hall where the children ate lunch with the band members.



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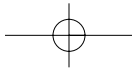
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Chaplain's corner

We each have infinite worth

At a conference I attended last week, a clip was shown from the movie, *About Schmidt*, with Jack Nicholson in the starring role. It is about a man facing retirement and old age who believes his life was a failure and had little meaning.

In the closing scene he realizes that he did in fact make a big difference in the life of one child in Africa he never met by providing him with a small monthly contribution. It was an epiphany for him, and a reminder that we are all created in God's image, thus we are all of huge importance in the big scheme of things.

This is a lesson that needs emphasis in a world that idolizes the rich, powerful, and the famous. We read a lot about supermodels and billionaire tycoons, but precious little attention is paid to the real heroes who make our society great by doing the hard, unglamorous jobs.

Consider this. Years ago in New York City, the Department of Sanitation launched a public relations campaign to highlight the importance of sanitation engineers. In truth, when I was growing up they were called "garbage men" and no one really thought of what they did as being of great value.

To counter such public indifference, the campaign included an art display made out of materials found in garbage cans and readings of original poetry written by the sanitation engineers themselves.

One engineer made a comment that forced a lot of people think. He lamented that as they made their way on their daily rounds picking up garbage, people treated sanitation engineers



Chaplain Schranz

as if they do not even exist! (Somewhere in Australia the sanitation department had their workers wear bathing suits and bikinis on the job to make the public pay attention!)

I couldn't help but reflect: The sanitation workers need not put on art displays nor wear beach attire to get noticed. All they need do is NOT pick up the garbage on a hot July day in New York City!

We must never wait until the job stops getting done to realize that each and every human being is important. Whether we are a flag officer, sergeant, civilian worker, seaman recruit, family member, or a volunteer – each of us has infinite worth and the job we do is THE most important job in the entire military! Each morning, as we get dressed, we must make it a habit to remind ourselves of how vital we are to our families, friends, co-workers, and the military.

In that vein, many thanks for sharing your time and remember...there is nothing more energizing than saying thank you to your friend, neighbor, co-worker, child or spouse. Let's never pass up an opportunity to express our gratitude to one another! God bless and stay great!

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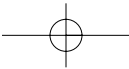
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April specials:

April 7 — Easter Special with half-price bowling from 1 to 8 p.m. That's only \$1.50 per game

April 8 — Closed for Easter

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Special fitness activities

(Gym 109, 841-3154/FITNESS Plus, 841-1474)

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For party rates call the athletic director's office at 841-7196. Current hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. Weekend hours will be added, based on customer use/demand.

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(Recreation Center Building 656, 841-3054)

Hours of operation, Monday to Thursday, 4 to 9 p.m.; Friday, 4 to 10 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 10 p.m. ; and Sunday and holidays, 2 to 10 p.m.

The Liberty Center's programs, activities and trips are for single and unaccompanied service members. Retirees, Department of Defense civilians and children are not authorized to participate in these programs.

March events:

Tonight — Texas Hold'em Tournament starts at 7 p.m., with prizes for top three winners!

March 31 — NCAA 2007 Final Four Tournament, Georgetown vs. Ohio State, 6:07 p.m.; and Florida vs. UCLA, 8:47 p.m.

April events:

April 2 — NCAA Basketball Championship game, 9 p.m. Get free snacks.

April 6 — Texas Hold'em Tournament begins at 7 p.m., with prizes for top three

April 7 —Pool Tournament opens at 7 p.m.

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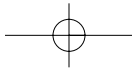
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Retired Chief Musician John Monllos, shown playing in Boston last June with Navy Band Northeast's Showband, will play April 3 at the University of Rhode Island.

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Retired chief still rocks guitar

KINGSTON – Retired Navy Chief Musician John Monllos and Navy Band Northeast (NBNE) musicians will perform Tuesday, April 3, at 7:30 p.m. at the Fine Arts Center Concert Hall, University of Rhode Island (URI).

Monllos, a skilled lead guitarist, retired from NBNE and the Navy music program after 20 years of service last September. He is currently pursuing his master of music degree at URI, and the recital is a partial fulfillment of graduate degree requirements.

Monllos has appeared on national television with a featured jazz spot on the News Program *Fox and Friends*, and as the

conductor of the Navy Band Northeast's Ceremonial Band on ABC's *Good Morning America*.

He also appeared with the Boston Pops (June 2006) as a guitarist with the Navy Band Northeast's Showband.

He continues to perform regularly throughout the New England area as half of the Jazz Candy Duo with Art Manchester and with various private bands. He is a graduate of the University of Miami jazz program.

He will perform with Musician 1st Class Ricky Micou on steel drums and other percussion; Musician 1st Class Jason Robertson, drums; Musician 3rd Class

Colin Trusedell, bass; and Lt. Carl Gerhard, director, Navy Band Northeast.

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April 14 – Shopping trip is planned to the Providence Place Mall, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Aerobics/exercise

(Gym 109, Building 109, 841-3154)

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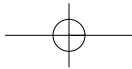
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Sports

War College skier brings home gold

By CAROLYN HARNEY
Naval War College Public Affairs

Steve Malvey of Naval War College Facilities Department never considered skiing until his cousin convinced him to give it a try. He was a bit curious about the sport, so he pursued her suggestion. He fell many times, got back up, but kept trying. His coach then signed him up for 10 lessons on the bunny slopes. After only three lessons, Malvey grew bored on the novice area and thought, "the heck with the small slopes!" So he gathered his gear and headed over to the steeper and longer slopes and trails. That was 33 years and almost 170 medals ago.

Malvey, now 52, has been competing with the Special Olympics Rhode Island since 1974. Last month, he compet-



Malvey

ed in the Special Olympics Rhode Island Winter Games at Yawgoo Valley Ski Resort in Exeter. He took first place in downhill, slalom and giant slalom.

Earlier this month he traveled to Water-ville Valley in New Hampshire, and won first place in the downhill. He went to the Special Olympics World Games in Alaska in 2001. His passion for competing in the Games doesn't stop at the bottom of the slopes. In June, he'll be ready to play in the Special Olympics Rhode Island Summer Games at the University of Rhode Island, where he'll compete in golf and the softball throw events.

Malvey is a Newport native living in Portsmouth. He has been working at the Facilities Department for the past 29 years.

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HOOP CHAMPIONS — The Naval Station Newport Patriots basketball team poses after winning the NAVSTA Intramural Basketball League Championships at Gym 109 against Naval Health Clinic New England. Front, lying down, is Darries Snelling. Second row, from left, Jerome McMiller, Scott Harger, Sammy Young, Scott Whitman, Thierry Koudougnon; back row, Esteban Dossett, Steve Joseph, Jason Barclay, Anderson Marcellus, Chris Boling, Timothy Whitman and Derrick Randle.

This week in naval history



On March 27, 1794, Congress authorized the construction of six frigates, including the USS Constitution. Later nicknamed ‘Old Ironsides,’ the ship is now berthed in Boston Harbor. It is the oldest commissioned U.S. warship still afloat, and has become a famous tourist attraction.

Legion

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American Legion Scholarship. Over the past nine years, \$2.5 million in scholarships have been awarded. In 2007, it will award nine \$20,000 scholarships. The

remaining national finalists will each receive a \$1,000 scholarship. One Rhode Island Boys State and one Rhode Island Girls State participant will

receive a \$1,000 college scholarship and a laptop computer. The course has been approved for four college credits from the University of Colorado, through the nation-

al organization. The program is open to all high school Junior Class boys and girls in the state. For an application contact: Laura Paton, Rhode Island

CFC

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all, federal employees in Rhode Island pledged or contributed \$784,780.

Nine Navy and two Coast Guard commands at Naval Station Newport were recognized in five award categories. The CFC awards program recognizes monies raised for the campaign, level of participation, and level of continued participation.

The Naval Undersea Warfare Center (NUWC), Division Newport, received the John F. Kennedy CFC Award recognizing a federal, military or post office agency “whose outstanding contributions exemplify the character and mission of the R.I. CFC.” NUWC employees pledged \$214,945.

The Naval Justice School (NJS) received a Gold Award for achieving 50 percent participation or a 25 percent increase over the average per person donation. NJS pledged \$6,086.

Navy Band Northeast, \$2,086; Naval Criminal Investigative Service, Northeast Field Office, \$1,455; Navy Operational Support Center, \$1,175; Senior Enlisted Academy, \$1,789; Naval Warfare Development Command, \$16,833; and the USCG cutter Willow, \$2,700, received a Silver Award for achieving 30 percent CFC participation or meeting the average per person donation.

Naval Health Clinic New England, \$13,060, and Naval Station Newport, \$13,135, received the Sustained Giving Award for participating in the R.I. CFC for five years or longer and for having an increase in total dollars from the previous campaign or has increased the total number of participants from the previous campaign.

The Coast Guard cutter Ida Lewis received the New Campaign Award for initiating a CFC Campaign for the first time.

Wives

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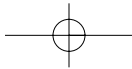
or free hotel or apartment.

- Between stabilization and subsequent rehabilitation, most military wives must quit their jobs to assist their husbands, meaning the family now needs charitable assistance paying bills.
- During crisis and rehabilitation, wives have no support network other than immediate case workers or families of wounded nearby.
- Many service members are transferred to an entirely new location for rehabilitation, meaning the family begins again the process of finding inexpensive transportation and accommodations.
- After rehabilitation, wound-

ed warrior wives are left alone and untrained to manage the needs of their husbands who often have severe PTSD. Many wounded warriors have severe disabilities ranging from severe brain trauma to burns to amputation.

- Upon returning home, the families of wounded warriors often must remodel their home at great cost to accommodate disabilities.

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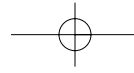
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